

### **REMARKS**

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed January 10, 2005. The Examiner rejects Claims 1-4, 6-11, 17-20, 22-24, 66, 68, 73, and 75. The Examiner objects to Claims 12-16, 25-35, 69-72, and 76-78. Claims 36-65 have been allowed. For the reasons given below, Applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

#### **In the Specification**

The Examiner objects to the specification relating to the absence of status information on the applications listed on page 1 of the Application. Applicants have updated this information as requested by the Examiner.

#### **Claim Objections**

The Examiner objects to Claim 18 due to an informality. Applicants have amended this claim as requested by the Examiner.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 36-65 are allowed. Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that Claims 12-16, 25-35, 69-72 and 76-78 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Although Applicants believe that independent Claims 1, 17, 66, and 73 are allowable in their currently pending form, to expedite the prosecution of the application Applicants have amended Claims 1, 17, 66, and 73 to include the limitations of Claims 12, 27, 69, and 76, respectively. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 17, 66, and 73, as well as the claims that depend from these independent claims.

#### **Double Patenting Rejection**

The Examiner provisionally rejects Claims 1-2, 17-18, 66, and 75 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims 1, 3, and 33-34 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/579,331.

As noted above, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 17, 66, and 73 to include the limitations of Claims 12, 27, 69, and 76, respectively. Favorable action is thus respectfully requested with respect to these claims and the claims that depend from these independent claims.

**Section 103 Rejections**

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-4, 6-11, 17-20, 22-24, 66, 68, 73, and 75 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,570,855 issued to Kung et al in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,574,012 issued to Kagawa.

Again, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 17, 66, and 73 to include the limitations of Claims 12, 27, 69, and 76, respectively. Favorable action is thus respectfully requested with respect to these claims and the claims that depend from these independent claims.

**Conclusion**


Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brian W. Oaks, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6986.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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